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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Election of Sprint Nextel to Provide Emergency Alerts, PS Docket No. 08-146

Dear Ms. Dortch:

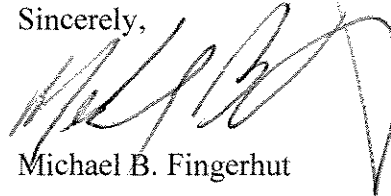
Section 602(b) of the WARN Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1201(b) requires, *inter alia*, that each commercial wireless carrier inform the Commission of its decision on whether it has elected to transmit, in whole or in part, emergency alerts to its subscribers. Thus, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the *Third Report and Order* issued August 7, 2008 in PS Docket No. 07-287 (*In the Matter of the Commercial Mobile Alert System*), Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) states as follows:

- Sprint Nextel intends to provide emergency alerts to its subscribers. Initially, Sprint Nextel intends to provide such alerts to subscribers on its CDMA network. At this time, however, Sprint Nextel cannot state with any certainty that it will have fully deployed the emergency alert technology in all of its service areas when emergency alert technology becomes publicly available. Rather, network considerations may require that Sprint Nextel deploy such technology on a “rolling basis” which could extend beyond the publicly available date.
- Sprint Nextel will also seek to provide emergency alerts to subscribers on its iDEN network. The difficulty Sprint Nextel faces in this regard is that because the industry standards currently being developed are limited to CDMA-based and GSM-based networks, Sprint Nextel will have to develop, test and deploy the necessary standards that will enable its iDEN network to properly interface with the government-provided alert gateway. Currently, Sprint Nextel cannot estimate how much time will be needed to develop and test any iDEN-specific standards. Nor can it determine whether it will be able to deploy the necessary technology to enable emergency alerts over its iDEN network in a cost effective manner. If Sprint Nextel is unable to offer emergency alerts over its iDEN network at the time emergency alert technology for the CDMA and GSM networks becomes publicly available, it will so notify its then existing iDEN subscriber base as well as any potential iDEN subscribers as required by the Commission’s Rules.

- Because Sprint Nextel intends to provide emergency alerts, it hereby attests that it will “transmit such alerts in a manner consistent with the technical standards, protocols, procedures, and other technical requirements implemented by the Commission.” *Third Report and Order* at ¶ 32.
- Sprint Nextel also is fully committed to “support[ing] the development and deployment of technology for ... the ‘C’ interface, the CMS provider Gateway, the CMS provider infrastructure, and mobile devices with CMAS functionality and support of the CMS provider selected technology.” *Id.*

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Fingerhut", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Michael B. Fingerhut